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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CH/E

The Naval Research Advisory Committee's Symposium on "War in the Nuclear Age," held at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Silver Spring, Maryland, 9-11 June, in addition to addresses by Adm. Arleigh Burke, Gen. Lemnitzer, Gen. Gerhardt, and Gen. Pace, consisted of the following lectures:

- Total War Probabilities and Prospects (Dr. Robert Osgood, University of Chicago)
- Limited Nuclear War (Dr. Henry Kissinger)
- Limited Conventional War (Dr. William Yandell Elliott)
- Economic Warfare (Dr. Warren Nutter, University of Virginia)
- Political Warfare, Including Propaganda (James Burnham)
- Civil War and Disturbance (Ralph de Toledano, Newsweek)

The audience of about 130 people had secret clearance, and was composed mainly of Navy and Marine officers, and scientists employed by the Navy, with a few newsmen.

Mr. Nutter in his address quoted excerpts from a speech by Allen Dulles on the rate of economic growth of the Soviet Union,

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which Mr. Dulles apparently described as unprecedented. Nutter appeared to question the accuracy of Mr. Dulles' figures; in any event he cited figures on the growth of the O.E.E.C. countries as a whole to show that their growth compared favorably with the growth of the Soviet Union. He left the impression that Mr. Dulles' speech supported exaggerated Communist claims of economic growth. The burden of Mr. Nutter's lecture was that the forty billions spent for economic aid was money down the rat hole.

Mr. Nutter's address was the third in a morning session. His lecture followed those given by Dr. Kissinger and Dr. Elliott, and I do not believe its impact on the audience was great, as his delivery suffered by comparison with that of the two speakers who preceded him and audience fatigue. In casual coffee break discussion there was little talk of Nutter's criticism of Mr. Dulles' speech.

Mr. Burnham's address on political warfare, including economic, psychological, etc., was to the effect that the U.S. had no overall plan or objective in this field and that most attempts to engage in it had failed. It was well prepared and

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well delivered, with many colorful phrases such as reference to "soft-headed Eleanor Roosevelt."

Afternoon sessions were devoted to group discussions in which those attending the panel were divided into six groups. Neither Mr. Hutter nor Mr. Burnham was in the group to which I was assigned.

The program was arranged by a committee of officers from the Office of C.N.O.

I have arranged for three copies of all lectures.

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